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Raised Bill No. 5646

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER SERVICE BY PAID
EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OR PAID FIREFIGHTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-323s of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The State Fire Administrator, within available appropriations,
4 shall develop model guidelines, on or before January 1, 2007, to be
5 used by municipalities with paid municipal emergency personnel and
6 municipalities with volunteer emergency personnel in entering into
7 agreements authorizing volunteer emergency personnel to serve
8 during personal time.

9 (b) A municipality with paid municipal emergency personnel and a
10 municipality with volunteer emergency personnel may enter into an
11 agreement authorizing paid emergency personnel to serve during
12 personal time as active members of a volunteer fire department in the
13 municipality in which they reside. In developing such agreements,
14 such municipalities shall consider the model guidelines developed by
15 the State Fire Administrator pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

16 (c) The municipalities that are parties to an agreement entered into
 17 under subsection (b) of this section may request the Labor
 18 Commissioner, within available appropriations, to provide assistance
 19 in resolving such issues arising out of the agreement as the
 20 commissioner deems appropriate.

21 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On and after the effective date
 22 of this section, no municipality shall enter into a contract that prohibits
 23 paid firefighters or paid emergency personnel of such municipality
 24 from serving as active members of a volunteer fire department in the
 25 municipality in which such firefighters or emergency personnel reside
 26 during personal time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-323s
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*